

marriage to the Dudingstons, and Angela wanted to see what the Dudingston-Gaspee was all about.

In Pawtuxet, Rhode Islanders welcomed Angela and Roddy with open arms. Local historian Dr. John Concannon invited them to stay. "It was an amazing experience," Angela said. "The people there are incredibly friendly." The trip also helped them grasp the significance of the Gaspee raid on America's road to revolution. And this year, Angela Innes will mark the 250th Gaspee anniversary with a Gaspee Day party of her own in Scotland.

Well, that left the dreaded Gaspee. With the prisoners ashore, the Gaspee raiders returned to the stranded ship and set her afire. When the fire reached her powder magazine, she blew apart, and her remains were lost to time and tides. Rhode Island was rid of the dreaded Gaspee.

New efforts are underway now to find the charred remains of the Gaspee using advanced sonar technology. Dr. Kathy Abbass of the Rhode Island Marine Archaeology Project is on the case. Dr. Abbass is accomplished in her field. Indeed, she may have located Captain Cook's ship, the *Endeavor*, sunk in Newport Harbor. If anyone can find the Gaspee or what is left of her, it is Dr. Abbass.

I should offer special thanks to Peter Abbott, the British Consul General in Boston who, along with representatives of the Royal Navy, came to Rhode Island last month for the announcement that funds had been raised to find the Gaspee. Abbott said:

Being a British consul in New England means you must have broad shoulders. I get invited to events that celebrate the Boston Massacre and Evacuation Day. But what takes the biscuit is commemorating the burning of a British ship!

The Deputy Ambassador should know that if, in fact, we do find the Gaspee, Rhode Island, a colony no more, intends to courteously seize the vessel for further research.

The Gaspee raid represents Rhode Island's spirit of independence, which has lived in us since Rhode Island's founding as a refuge of religious tolerance from the Massachusetts Colony's harsh theocracy. Our celebration of the Gaspee Affair represents Rhode Islanders' pride in that spirit, which we share willingly, even with a Dudingston descendant.

Oh, and by the way, this episode where Rhode Islanders rode down through the night to a British ship that had been stranded by Rhode Island wilds and sacked her and took her crew and set her afire and blew her up, that all took place more than a year before Massachusetts colonists boarded a British ship to push tea bales into Boston Harbor. They pushed tea bales off the ship; more than a year earlier, Rhode Islanders blew the ship up. I am just saying, Mr. President.

So here is to another 250 years of celebrating the Gaspee raiders and to

more people learning about Rhode Island's role as a spark of revolution.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session and be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL GUY C. SWAN III

Mr. REED. Mr. President, on behalf of myself and Senator INHOFE, as chairman and ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and the co-chairs of the Senate Army Caucus, it is our honor to pay tribute to a great leader and exceptional advocate for the U.S. Army, LTG Guy C. Swan III, U.S. Army, Retired, as he retires from his current position as vice president of the Association of the United States Army, AUSA. For the past 10 years, Lieutenant General Swan led education and professional development for AUSA. Lieutenant General Swan exemplifies a lifetime of commitment and service to the Nation and to others.

A 1976 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Lieutenant General Swan was commissioned as a second lieutenant to be an armor officer. Throughout his distinguished career, he was frequently recognized for his exemplary leadership skills, holding command assignments at every level and in many theaters. His career culminated as the commanding general, U.S. Army North/Fifth Army. Along the way, he served in critical staff assignments such as chief of staff and director of operations in Multi-National Forces-Iraq and in high visibility roles including commanding general, Military District of Washington. Placing mission and Nation first, he excelled in every endeavor.

Between assignments leading soldiers, Lieutenant General Swan demonstrated his longstanding commitment to continuous learning. He earned master's degrees in military art and science from the U.S. Army's School of Advanced Military Studies and in national security studies from Georgetown University. Seamlessly stitching his knowledge gained in academia with his military experience,

Lieutenant General Swan made considerable contributions as a thought leader in national security throughout his career. He served as a national security fellow at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and as a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Aspen Institute Homeland Security Group, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency—FEMA—National Advisory Council.

Following his retirement in December of 2011 from the U.S. Army, Lieutenant General Swan continued to serve in support of soldiers, their families, Army civilians, and veterans as vice president for education at AUSA. Through his committed leadership, vision, and always positive outlook, Lieutenant General Swan responded to ever-changing interests and needs of the Army by expanding and improving AUSA's support for professional development and education. His work also heightened public interest in the appropriate role of the Army in defense of our Nation. His priority programs to achieve these goals included creating AUSA's world-class "ARMY" magazine, building a family readiness program that reaches out to Army families worldwide, refocusing AUSA-sponsored writing contests to build critical thinking and research skills in the Army, expanding the AUSA book program to include discussions with authors having expert knowledge on the Army and the Nation's security challenges, and establishing an AUSA fellowship program to provide professional development opportunities for mid-level Army officers. In developing and supporting these diverse efforts, he ensured AUSA made the Army, across all of its components, a more professional and capable organization.

He also continued to give back to his alma mater, West Point, serving as a Presidentially appointed member of its Board of Visitors. In this capacity, he contributed to the development of the next generation of academy graduates entrusted with the privilege of leading American soldiers.

Lieutenant General Swan has served the Nation he loves with great distinction and has been an exemplary leader for the servicemembers, families, and civilians of the Armed Forces. His steady leadership, positive outlook, and professionalism have been a sustaining source of strength for those he has led, coached, mentored, and taught through four decades of service.

On behalf of the Senate and the United States of America, we thank Lieutenant General Swan, his wife Melanie, and their entire family for their commitment, sacrifice, and contributions to our Nation. We join our colleagues in wishing him a long and joyful retirement. Well done.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL
LELAND SHEPHERD

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise to recognize Colonel Leland “Tony” Shepherd on his selection as Arkansas Army National Guard’s 6th Land Component commander and his promotion to the rank of brigadier general on June 5, 2022.

On June 12, 2022, General Shepherd will assume command of Arkansas Army’s eight land power units with a force size of 6,700 personnel tasked with operational readiness, training, mobilization, and deployments supporting my great State and in defense of an even greater Nation. This historical selection makes him the first African-American man to hold such a prestigious position and only the second African-American man to be promoted as a general officer in the history of the Arkansas National Guard.

General Shepherd began his military career in the U.S. Army Reserve in Philadelphia, PA, on July 23, 1992. He then transitioned to the Arkansas Army National Guard as an enlisted soldier in October 1995 and was commissioned to second lieutenant in August 1998. General Shepherd has served in several positions over the past 27 years, including assignments as a signal officer in the 212th Signal Battalion in Little Rock and as part of the 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team in Malvern, AR. General Shepherd also deployed twice to Iraq where he oversaw Camp Victory’s post signal capabilities. Prior to this selection for the 6th Land Component Command, he served as the State’s deputy chief of staff G-6 overseeing the planning, strategy, network architecture, and implementation of command, control, communications, and networks for Army operations.

General Shepherd received the Order of Mercury, Bronze for the highest standards of integrity, moral character, professional competence, and selflessness for those who have made significant contributions to the U.S. Army Signal Corps. This award reflects his superior performance and devotion to duty throughout his entire professional career.

I would like to recognize General Shepherd’s wife Zandral and children Anthony, Ryan Wells, Logan, and Lukas for their sacrifice and service. It is their steadfast support of their husband and dad that enabled his continued service, ultimately leading to this historic promotion. As the son of George and Gwendoline Shepherd of Guyana, South America, General Shepherd is the epitome of the American dream which is founded on the belief that we all can attain our own version of success and achieve prosperity through hard work.

General Shepherd, congratulations on this new chapter in your career. I join my colleagues in the Senate and

all Arkansans as we express our appreciation for you and your family’s continued service to our country.●

RECOGNIZING THE HEALTH
WAGON

• Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, as we continue our battle with COVID-19, we must acknowledge the healthcare healers that are serving in our rural communities. In particular, I would like to highlight the work of the Health Wagon in Virginia. The Health Wagon is the oldest mobile clinic in the Nation. Their mission is to provide compassionate, quality healthcare to medically underserved people in Appalachia. The Health Wagon works to mitigate barriers to healthcare access, taking healthcare into the community, into places like grocery stores, food banks, workplaces, and providing communities in southwest Virginia with access to primary, specialty, dental and vision care.

Health Wagon originated 40 years ago with Sister Bernadette Kenny of the Catholic order Medical Missionaries of Mary. Sister Bernie traveled on rural mountain roads in her Volkswagen Beetle to deliver healthcare to individuals in southwest Virginia. Now, the organization employs more than 50 staff members across four clinics and four mobile units. Their average patient is 41 years old, with 100 percent of patients being uninsured or underinsured. Over the last year, the Health Wagon has served 10,857 individual patients and documented 35,250 patient encounters.

The Health Wagon has also been vital in the fight against COVID-19. Since March 2020, the Health Wagon has provided more than 18,000 COVID-19 tests, provided 19,567 COVID-19 vaccinations, and administered over 5,500 monoclonal antibody treatments. They do not bill for services, and their programs are sustained by grants and donations from individuals, corporations, and foundations. The Health Wagon is led by president and CEO, Dr. Teresa Tyson. Dr. Tyson has served with the Health Wagon for 30 years, and under her leadership, the organization has received national recognition for its innovative projects in telehealth space. The Health Wagon was the first to deliver a virtual wound care clinic and conducted the first FAA-approved drone delivery of medications in the United States. Dr. Tyson led the largest health outreach of its kind in the Nation, as well as providing the first telecytology in the world in partnership with University of Virginia. Dr. Tyson leads a group of caring and committed providers.

Rural communities are the backbone of our country, and the Health Wagon has served the Appalachia community admirably. I thank them for their service.●

TRIBUTE TO MARY M. HUNT

• Mr. MANCHIN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the long-time program director for community and economic development Mary M. Hunt upon her retirement after more than 20 remarkable years of service to the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation.

I have often said there is no greater accomplishment than to find yourself in a position to give back to the community you love. As a Clarksburg native, Mary Hunt has served the people of her community and beyond with professionalism, compassion, and respect throughout her entire career.

Mary has never taken any position she has held lightly—and has always seen herself primarily as a servant of the people of West Virginia. She worked tirelessly for the Charleston mayor’s office of economic and community development throughout the late ‘80s and early ‘90s. Mary found herself in the capital city at a pivotal time, when major development projects were coming to fruition. It is hard to imagine a Charleston today without such iconic spaces as Haddad Riverfront Park and Capitol Market, but Mary was there when the ideas were conceived and helped bring them to reality.

Mary made her mark in State government, too. In the early 1990s, during Gaston Caperton’s administration, she worked as executive assistant to the cabinet secretary for the West Virginia Department of Commerce for 2 years and then as the chief of administration for the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection for 5 years, through 1997. Truly, her legacy of civic service is one we should all instill in ourselves.

Throughout her time as program director at the Benedum Foundation, Mary served as an irreplaceable leader by advancing the foundation’s existing programs and starting new initiatives to ensure the organization’s continued viability and positive social impact. Time and time again, Mary has made her devotion to helping others abundantly clear—not only through her philanthropy projects, but by building new partnerships and inviting others into the fold—ultimately bolstering her capacity for good.

Over the last two decades, Mary has helped numerous communities, both internally and externally, to help them make their projects possible. During her tenure, she has helped distribute grants in almost all 55 of West Virginia’s counties, supporting nearly 650 grant projects and touching roughly 200 organizations.

With an unrivaled, strong spirit of optimism and innovation, her commitment to strengthening our communities is something to admire. Her work has undoubtedly advanced the foundation, but more importantly, our entire State. I know she has inspired many young leaders throughout her illustrious career, and I am confident that they will carry the torch to ensure a brighter tomorrow.